

on Caring for the Vulnerable: The State of Social Work in America. Testimony was heard from Adina Fuller, Social Worker, Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services, District of Columbia; and public witnesses.

CREDIT SCORING MODELS/CREDIT SCORES

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "What Borrowers Need to Know About Credit Scoring Models and Credit Scores." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEBANON UPDATE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia held a hearing on Update on the Situation in Lebanon. Testimony was heard from Jeffrey Feltman, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, Department of State and former U.S. Ambassador to Lebanon.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2009

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a non-record vote, an open rule with a preprinting requirement for consideration of the bill (H.R. 6599), the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, 2009. The rule provides for one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations.

The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule waives points of order against provisions of the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI. The rule provides that no amendment to the bill shall be in order except those printed in the portion of the Congressional Record designated for that purpose in clause 8 of rule XVIII by July 30 and except pro forma amendments for the purpose of debate. Each amendment so printed may be offered only by the Member who caused it to be printed or a designee and shall be considered as read. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Finally, the rule permits the Chair, during consideration of the bill in the House, to postpone further consideration of the bill to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Representatives Edwards of Texas, Filner and Crenshaw.

Joint Meetings

COLLEGE OPPORTUNITY AND AFFORDABILITY ACT

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 4137, to amend and extend the Higher Education Act of 1965.

AZERBAIJAN: HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRATIZATION

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine human rights and democratization in Azerbaijan, focusing on the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) and the Council of Europe's numerous concerns, including freedom of the media, political prisoners and the conduct of elections, after receiving testimony from David J. Kramer, Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights and Labor; Yashar Aliyev, Ambassador of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the United States, Washington, D.C.; and Chris Walker, Freedom House, New York, New York.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 30, 2008

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: closed business meeting to continue consideration of pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine ways to improve consumer protection in the prepaid calling card market, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, to hold hearings to examine S. 1816, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish a commemorative trail in connection with the Women's Rights National Historical Park to link properties that are historically and thematically associated with the struggle for women's suffrage, S. 2093, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of the Missisquoi and Trout Rivers in the State of Vermont for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. 2535, to revise the boundary of the Martin Van Buren National Historic Site, S. 2561, to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a theme study to identify sites and resources to commemorate and interpret the Cold War, S. 3011, to amend the Palo Alto Battlefield National Historic Site Act of 1991 to expand the boundaries of the historic site, S. 3113, to reinstate the Interim Management Strategy governing off-road vehicle use in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore, North Carolina, pending the issuance of a final rule for

off-road vehicle use by the National Park Service, S. 3148, to modify the boundary of the Oregon Caves National Monument, S. 3158, to extend the authority for the Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission, S. 3226, to rename the Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historic Site in the State of Kentucky as the "Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historical Park", S. 3247, to provide for the designation of the River Raisin National Battlefield Park in the State of Michigan, and H.R. 5137, to ensure that hunting remains a purpose of the New River Gorge National River, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Thomas J. Madison, of New York, to be Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, 3:15 p.m., SD-406.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: business meeting to consider S. 2583, to amend the Improper Payments Information Act of 2002 (31 U.S.C. 3321 note) in order to prevent the loss of billions in taxpayer dollars, S. 3176, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to authorize the President to provide mental health and substance abuse services, S. 3341, to reauthorize and improve the Federal Financial Assistance Management Improvement Act of 1999, H.R. 3068, to prohibit the award of contracts to provide guard services under the contract security guard program of the Federal Protective Service to a business concern that is owned, controlled, or operated by an individual who has been convicted of a felony, H.R. 404, to require the establishment of customer service standards for Federal agencies, S. 3328, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to provide for a one-year extension of other transaction authority, S. 3241, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1717 Orange Avenue in Fort Pierce, Florida, as the "CeeCee Ross Lyles Post Office Building", H.R. 6150, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14500 Lorain Avenue in Cleveland, Ohio, as the "John P. Gallagher Post Office Building", H.R. 6085, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 42222 Rancho Las Palmas Drive in Rancho Mirage, California, as the "Gerald R. Ford Post Office Building", H.R. 5477, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 120 South Del Mar Avenue in San Gabriel, California, as the "Chi Mui Post Office Building", H.R. 5631, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1155 Seminole Trail in Charlottesville, Virginia, as the "Corporal Bradley T. Arms Post Office Building", H.R. 5483, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10449 White Granite Drive in Oakton, Virginia, as the "Private First Class David H. Sharrett II Post Office Building", H.R. 6061, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 219 East Main Street in West Frankfort, Illinois, as the "Kenneth James Gray Post Office Building", H.R. 4210, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 401 Washington Avenue in Weldon, North Carolina, as the "Dock M. Brown Post Office Building",

an original bill entitled, "Federal Financial Assistance Management Improvement Act of 2008", and the nominations of Gus P. Coldebella, of Massachusetts, to be General Counsel, Department of Homeland Security, James A. Williams, of Virginia, to be Administrator of General Services, Carol A. Dalton, Anthony C. Epstein, and Heidi M. Pasichow, all to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, 10:15 a.m., SD-342.

Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery, to hold hearings to examine planning for post-catastrophe housing needs, focusing on if the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has developed an effective strategy for housing large numbers of citizens displaced by a disaster, 12 noon, SD-562.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine hiring at the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine S. J. Res. 45, expressing the consent and approval of Congress to an inter-state compact regarding water resources in the Great Lakes—St. Lawrence River Basin, 1 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Rules and Administration: to hold hearings to examine S. 3212, to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to provide for auditable, independent verification of ballots, to ensure the security of voting systems, 10 a.m., SR-301.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: business meeting to mark up an original bill to reauthorize the Small Business Innovation Research Program, 10 a.m., SR-428A.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Energy, and Research, hearing to review electricity reliability in rural America, 10:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Horticulture and Organic Agriculture, hearing to review legal and technological capacity for full traceability in fresh produce, 1 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Defense, executive, to mark up the Defense Appropriation for Fiscal Year 2009, 11 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on Implications of the Supreme Court's Boumediene Decision for Detainees at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba: Non-governmental Perspective 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, hearing on Rising Food Prices: Budget Challenges, 2 p.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and Labor, Subcommittee on Health, Employment and Pensions, hearing on the Proposed Delta/Northwest Airline Merger: The Impact on Workers, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 6308, Municipal Bond Fairness Act; H.R. 5772, Frank Melville Supportive Housing Investment Act of 2008; H.R. 5244, Credit Cardholders' Bill of Rights Act of 2008; H.R. 6078, GREEN Act of 2008; and H.R.

840, Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act of 2007, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade and Technology, hearing entitled "Examining Issues Related to Tactilely Distinguishable Currency," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing and Terrorism Risk Assessment, hearing entitled "Reassessing the Threat: The Future of Al Qaeda and Its Implications for Homeland Security," 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Management, Investigations, and Oversight, hearing entitled "The Quadrennial Homeland Security Review," 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on House Administration, to mark up the following bills: H. R. 6339, Federal Employees Deserve to Volunteer on the Elections Act of 2008; and H.R. 6474, To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives to carry out a series of demonstration projects to promote the use of innovative technologies in reducing energy consumption and promoting energy efficiency and cost savings in the House of Representatives, 11 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, to consider the following: a resolution and report finding Karl Rove in contempt for failure to appear pursuant to subpoena and recommending to the House of Representatives that Mr. Rove be cited for contempt of Congress; and to mark up the following bills: H.R. 6577, Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact; H.R. 6126, Fairness in Nursing Home Arbitration Act of 2008; H.R. 5950, Detainee Basic Medical Care Act of 2008; H.R. 6064, National Silver Act; H.R. 6503, Missing Alzheimer's Disease Patient Alert Program Reauthorization of 2008; H.R. 6353, Ryan Haight Online Pharmacy Consumer Protection Act of 2008; H.R. 5167, Justice for Victims of Torture and Terrorism Act; H.R. 2140, Internet Gambling Study Act; H.R. 6088, National Domestic Violence Volunteer Attorney Network Act; and H.R. 4779, To enact certain laws relating to public contracts as title 41, United States

Code, "Public Contracts;" and private relief bills, 10:15 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, hearing on Deficient Electrical Systems at U.S. Facilities in Iraq, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census, and National Archives, hearing entitled "Critical Budget Issues Affecting the 2010 Census—Part 2," 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, to consider H.R. 1338, Paycheck Fairness Act, 4 p.m., Capitol.

Committee on Science and Technology, hearing on NASA at 50: Past Accomplishments and Future Opportunities and Challenges, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Regulations, Health Care and Trade, hearing entitled Regulatory Burdens on Small Firms: What Rules Need Reform?" 10 a.m., 1539 Longworth.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing on Credit Crunch: A Hearing on the Effects on Federal Leasing and Construction, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing on Protecting and Restoring America's Great Waters—Part II: Chesapeake Bay, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive briefing on Congressional Notifications, 1 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Intelligence Community Management, hearing on Security Clearance Reform, 2:30 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming, hearing entitled "What's Cooking with Gas: the Role of Natural Gas in Energy Independence and Global Warming Solutions," 1 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine ways to solve the energy crisis, 10 a.m., SD-106.